

BRIAN JOHNSON

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EXPERIENCE:

House Committee on Financial Services, Washington, DC

Policy Director, August 2017 – present

Chief Financial Institutions Counsel, August 2016 – August 2017

Senior Counsel, February 2015 – August 2016

Counsel, May 2012 – February 2015

- Policy Director responsible for policy development for Chairman Jeb Hensarling.
- Managed a team of five staff members responsible for the legislative and hearing activities of the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, including policy issues relating to consumer protection, arbitration, payday lending, credit reporting, fair lending, debt collection, real estate settlement procedures, truth in lending/truth in savings, ability-to-repay/qualified mortgage regulation, auto financing, bank and credit union capital and liquidity regulations, deposit insurance, cyber security and data security.
- Drafted and assembled several titles of the Financial CHOICE Act, including CFPB reforms, Article I reforms (e.g., Appropriations, REINS, cost-benefit analysis, and Chevron deference), and community financial institution regulatory relief.
- Developed Committee strategy, briefing materials, member questions and messaging for semi-annual CFPB hearings.
- Conducts oversight of the activities of the CFPB, FSOC, FDIC, OFR, OCC, Fed, and NCUA, including investigations into the CFPB's spending, personnel management, data collection, consumer complaint database, rulemaking and enforcement activities.
- Drafts legislation, speeches, op-eds, and committee and floor statements.
- Speaker at industry trade events.

Trump for America Presidential Transition Team, Washington, DC

Team Lead, Financial Services Policy Implementation, August 2016 – January 2017

- Recruited and led a 7-person team responsible for developing all financial services policy for the Trump Transition.
- Authored the Day 1/Day 100/Day 200 Financial Services Policy Implementation plan for use by the Trump Administration.
- Served on the Treasury Agency Action team as special assistant for the team leaders.

Office of the Attorney General of Ohio, Columbus, OH

Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Initiatives, 2011 – 2012

- Developed policy initiatives for Attorney General Mike DeWine and led an investigation and audit of state economic development programs.

Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus, OH

Judicial Law Clerk for Justice Terrence O'Donnell, 2009 – 2010

- Drafted judicial opinions, analyzed pending motions, and authored bench memoranda.

The White House, Washington, D.C.

Staff Assistant, Executive Office of the President, Domestic Policy Council, 2005 – 2006

United States Senator Jon Kyl, Washington, D.C.

Legislative Correspondent for banking, finance, tax, trade, and budget issues, 2002 – 2004

EDUCATION:

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia

Juris Doctor, 2009, active District of Columbia bar membership

Summer Clerkships: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Policy

U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of General Counsel

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 2002

AFFILIATIONS:

Leesburg Presbyterian Church, Member

The Federalist Society, Member

U.Va. Young Alumni Council (President, 2007-2008; member, 2003-2009)

ERIC G. BLANKENSTEIN

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Experience

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Washington, D.C.

Assistant General Counsel

September 2017–Present

Represented United States in dispute settlement process before World Trade Organization; counseled US representatives in negotiation of various trade agreements; monitored US compliance with trade obligations.

WILLIAMS & CONNOLLY, LLP

Washington, D.C.

Associate

July 2009–September 2017

Engaged in all phases of litigation for both civil and criminal defendants encompassing: reviewing and analyzing applicable law and regulations, counseling clients on strategic decisions, conducting factual investigations, managing complex civil discovery, taking and defending depositions, assisting with the preparation of expert reports, drafting dispositive and non-dispositive briefing, making oral presentations to court, examining witnesses during trial, and negotiating and drafting settlement agreements.

Illustrative experience includes:

- Representing banks in regulatory investigations and litigation with OCC and CFPB alleging violations of various consumer laws, including the Consumer Financial Protection Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act and Electronic Fund Transfer Act
- Defending banks in securities litigation brought under the Securities Act and Securities Exchange Act, FIRREA, and state law, related to mortgage-backed securities, mortgage whole-loan sales, repurchase agreements, and other complex instruments and transactions
- Defending pharmaceutical and health care companies against alleged violations of federal and state False Claims Acts
- Representing a technology company in criminal investigation alleging contract and visa fraud, and export control violations
- Representing taxpayers protesting alleged federal tax liability related to status as Virgin Islands residents
- Defending oil field equipment manufacturer in suits related to the *Deepwater Horizon* incident
- Defending law firms accused of professional malpractice
- Representing pro bono clients in criminal cases, including co-first chair of three day jury trial and argument before Maryland Court of Special Appeals
- Representing an ex-wife against her ex-husband over property settlement that involved substantial undisclosed tax liability

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Washington, D.C.

Summer Clerk, Chambers of the Honorable Margaret A. Ryan

Summer 2007

Assisted with opinion editing, research, and review for various cases brought under UCMJ. Researched legal questions.

INFINITIVE, INC.

Ashburn, VA

Consultant

2005–2006

Managed several workstreams for College Board – SAT Scoring Operations directorate. Directly supported the Director of Scoring Operations in managing vendor performance, general scoring functions, system requirements development, and testing, and specific issue investigation.

IBM BUSINESS CONSULTING SERVICES (formerly PwC Consulting)

Arlington, VA

Consultant

2001–2005

Engaged in a number of Federal government related consulting projections, including supporting the Department of Agriculture, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Justice. Supported the leaders of the Department of Justice September 11th Victim Compensation Fund in various capacities, including the hearing and award appeals function.

Education

University of Virginia School of Law

Juris Doctor, May 2009

- Order of the Coif
- Federalist Society
- Managing Editor (2008–2009), Articles Review Committee (2007–2008), *Virginia Law and Business Review*

University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts, History, August 2009

University of Virginia, McIntire School of Commerce

Bachelor of Science in Commerce, *with distinction*, May 2001

Subject Concentrations: Finance and Management Information Systems

- Intermediate Honors, Fall 1999; Dean's List: Fall 1997, Fall 1998, Spring 1999, Spring 2000, Spring 2001;
- Member: Phi Eta Sigma, National Honor Fraternity; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Golden Key Honor Society

HALLEE K. MORGAN

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EMPLOYMENT

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, D.C.

Counsel, Majority Staff, Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit April 2016 - Present

- Developed financial services legal reforms aimed at providing regulatory relief and economic growth.
- Worked closely with legislative counsel to manage and draft key provisions of the Financial CHOICE Act, the Chairman's legislation to repeal and replace the Dodd-Frank Act.
- Drafted a staff report arguing that case law and the text of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act provided no legal basis for Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) enforcement actions against auto financiers.
- Drafted legal and policy memoranda analyzing subjects ranging from the prudential regulators' Civil Investigative Demand processes to federal and state data security law in the aftermath of the Equifax breach.
- Managed legislation on subjects including reforming stress testing, managing overlapping jurisdiction among financial regulators, expanding access to online lending, and other regulatory reforms.

Fellow, Majority Staff, Oversight and Investigations April 2015 - April 2016

- Conducted rigorous oversight of the Obama administration through hearings and investigations.
- Led an investigation into the CFPB's enforcement actions against auto financiers, showing the CFPB's actions were premised on weak legal grounds and faulty methodology that produced inflated injury calculations.
- Led investigations into subjects including CFIUS' approval of a sale of U.S. uranium-production capacity to a foreign government and the CFPB's data-security practices.
- Deposed key agency personnel; drafted deposition outlines, document requests, and interrogatories; cultivated whistleblowers; analyzed hundreds of whistleblower documents to make key findings.

CAUSE OF ACTION, Washington, D.C.

Counsel, Administrative and Regulatory Litigation September 2012 - April 2015

- Litigated federal public-interest cases to constrain the administrative state and check regulatory overreach.
- Won *In the Matter of LabMD, Inc.* before a Federal Trade Commission ALJ, in an unprecedented Section 5 data-security case victory. Key trial team member. Cross-examined an expert witness with two days' notice, causing him to concede issues crucial to the ALJ's favorable ruling. Drafted the 60-page post-trial brief.
- Lead attorney in an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to a Food and Drug Administration regulation. Argued a dispositive motion before a federal court one month after assuming the lead.
- Analyzed the legal merits of a federal dormant Commerce Clause suit challenging state renewable energy laws. Drafted proposed settlement agreement and second-chaired settlement negotiations.
- Conducted and defended depositions; drafted dispositive motions, motions *in limine*, motions to strike, motions to admit, oppositions, interrogatories, requests for admission, and requests for production.
- Co-authored an amicus brief cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission*.

INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE, Arlington, VA | *Law Clerk*, Litigation Summer 2011

BRACEWELL & GIULIANI, LLP, Washington, D.C. | *Bracewell & Giuliani Fellow*, Litigation Summer 2010

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, VA | J.D. May 2012

- *Advocacy Award*: Bracewell & Giuliani Oral Advocacy Award.
- *Litigation, First Amendment Clinic*: Won a case in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.
- *Activities*: Virginia Journal of Social Policy, Sr. Ed. Board; Extramural Moot Court; Lile Moot Court Board.

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER, Exeter, United Kingdom | M.A., *with Merit*, Literature November 2008

- *Honors*: Dissertation earned Distinction.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, VA | B.A., *with Distinction*, Literature May 2007

- *Honors*: Dean's List, Distinguished Majors Program.

BAR ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *Member*: Republican National Lawyers Association, Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.
- *Admitted to Practice Before*: Virginia State Bar, Washington D.C. Bar, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.